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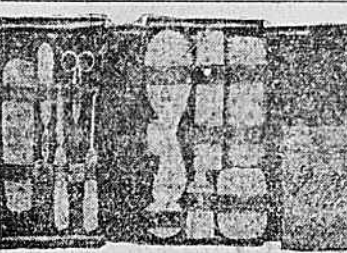
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Fitted Cases,
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Fitted Bags,
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Wallets,
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Razor Cases,
Comb and Brush Sets,
Collar Boxes,
Hand Bags,
Opera Bags,
Collar Bags,
Pocketbooks,

Coin Purses,
Bill Folds,
Toilet Sets,
Music Satchels,
Cigar Cases,
Jewel Cases,
Cuff Boxes,
Coat Hangers,
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JUDGE ENTERS HIS FINAL DECREE

Charges Against Prince William County Treasurer Sustained.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Manassas, Va., December 21.—Judge Louis C. Barley, of the Corporation Court of Alexandria, today entered a final decree in the Circuit Court of Prince William county in the suit of the Board of Supervisors of this county against James E. Herrell, the county treasurer.

One of the charges which the decree

sustains is that the treasurer failed to account properly for all of the penalty received on taxes collected after the 1st of December of the year when due. Another charge, which is sustained, is that he failed to account for all of the money received on account of the redemption and sale of land returned delinquent for the non-payment of taxes.

The court also held that he had charged too much commission on taxes collected. It was also ascertained that the treasurer had failed to account for certain interest collected on taxes paid after June 15.

A number of other charges were also sustained, such as his failure to return delinquent tax tickets to the clerk's office as required by law; fail to exhibit his cash statement to the judge and Commonwealth's attorney, and his failure to render the Board of Supervisors the bi-monthly statements required by law.

One of the most sensational charges, which was sustained, was the one that in 1907, when he was a candidate for re-election, he placed on the list of qualified voters a number of persons whom he had previously returned delinquent for the non-payment of poll taxes.

In rendering his opinion, Judge Barley said that he felt the court had been trifled with, as he had recommended a former report in the cause at the very earnest request of the de-

fendant to give him an opportunity of filing certain statements, which, it was claimed, would disclose alleged inaccuracies in the commissioner's report; that several months had elapsed, and the defendant had been given every opportunity of filing his statements, but that he had failed to do so, and had announced that he had nothing further to offer.

The court also said that the treasurer's office was the worst kept office he had ever seen, and that the official books and records were in such a condition as to render extremely difficult an accurate settlement; that he could not understand how such a condition had been tolerated as long as it had. When the suit matured, nearly three years ago, by consent of all parties to the cause the matter was referred to C. Vernon Ford, Commonwealth's Attorney for Fairfax county, as a special commissioner to report on the treasurer's accounts. The case was before him for over two years, and the testimony, books, papers, records and other exhibits filed before him would fill a barrel. The fee paid him for this report was the largest he had ever paid any commissioner in this circuit within the recollection of many attorneys.

Upon a hearing of this report in July the report was recommended to the commissioner, with instructions to revise his report or not as he was advised. The second report, which was recently filed, adheres to the views

taken in the first, and by decree entered today with reports all sustained.

The decree was suspended for ninety days to enable the defendant to present his petition to the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia for an appeal.

The Board of Supervisors was represented by Robert A. Hutchinson, J. Jenkyn Davies and Haves Thornton Davies, who had each been common-

wealth's Attorney for the county during the progress of the suit. In the order framed, J. Jenkyn Davies died during the progress of the suit. The defendant was represented by former Circuit Judge C. E. Nicol and Hon. Thomas H. Ligon.

Judge J. B. T. Thornton, of this circuit, was unable to preside, and Judge Louis C. Barley, of Alexandria, was designated by the Governor to try the case.

A great number of intricate legal points were raised, none of which, perhaps, was more interesting than that raised by the defendant when he filed the plea of the statute of limitations as a partial defense. The court, however, ruled that a county treasurer cannot plead the statute of limitations in a suit to compel a settlement of his official accounts.

Captain James E. Herrell has been county treasurer since July 1, 1899. Prior to that time he had been deputy of the county and Circuit Court clerk. Before that he served as deputy sheriff of the county.

NEW YORK CAN'T GET ITS RATTLESNAKES

Their Asheville Cultivator, Who Has Customers Here, Sues the Express Company.

Asheville, N. C., December 21.—Because the Southern Express Company refused to accept shipments of rattlesnakes a promising infant industry has been blown down. Daniel Weeks, a citizen of Swain county, this State, alleges that he has cause for grievance against the company, and has filed suit asking for \$5,000 damages.

Weeks owns much land adjoining the Vanderbilt forest. It is rough and unimproved and especially adapted to rattlesnake culture. A New York naturalist, noting the fine qualities of snakes that inhabit the cliffs of the mountain, offered Weeks a contract with him to pay \$5 each for the extra large snakes and others accordingly. Weeks soon had a big catch of the deadly rattlers, which he boxed up and shipped to the New York address. He received a check and shipped a second lot, but while en route to New York the box was smashed. The rattlers escaping made the express crew dare the car. A day or so afterward the agent at Bryson City received an order to accept no more snakes for shipment.

MAIMED ONE DAY, DIES NEXT.

Sad Circumstances Surround Death of Charles Jones.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Heathsville, Va., December 21.—The death, late Sunday night of heart failure, of Charles Jones, of Jonesville, was under very sad circumstances. He and his wife went to Baltimore Thursday; were married in that city Saturday morning, taking the boat that afternoon for the return trip. Mr. Jones was taken suddenly sick on the night of his wedding, and when he reached Coast Wharf early Sunday morning could go no further, and died in that place that night.

SOUTHERN GRANTED BAIL.

Father and Son Charged With Murder of John Wall.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Winston-Salem, N. C., December 21.—Judge George E. Bell this afternoon granted an application made by counsel for Gideon Southern and his four-

teen-year-old son, Herman, to give bail in sums of \$3,000 and \$2,000 respectively. The father and son are in Surry county jail. They stand charged with the murder of John Wall, son-in-law of Gideon Southern, at Pilot Mountain last Friday. Wall and the elder Southern got into a dispute and fight over the storage of leaf tobacco in their cellar, the two men occupying the same house. During the melee Herman Southern came to the rescue of his father with a knife. He cut off Wall's nose, carved his throat and stabbed him through one lung, the latter would result in Wall's death two hours later.

SENT TO JAIL ON CHARGE OF ROBBERY LANDLADY

Henderson, N. C., December 21.—Charles H. Smith, operator at the Seaboard Air Line telegraph office, was arrested today by Deputy Sheriff W. E. Wilson, charged with having taken from the bureau of Mrs. A. T. Barnes, at whose house he boarded, the sum of seventy-five dollars. The evidence produced was so conclusive that he was placed under bond of one hundred dollars for his appearance at the next term of the Superior Court. Failing to give bond he was sent to jail. Smith is about thirty years of age.

CLAIMS THAT NO JAIL IN GEORGIA CAN HOLD HIM

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) Roanoke, Va., December 21.—Smiley Hanson, wanted at Rome, Ga., for jail-breaking, was captured at a lumber camp near Bluefield today. Several rewards for his arrest are outstanding. Hanson says there is no jail in Georgia that can hold him. He has broken out of a score of prisons there.



CHRISTMAS BASKETS

CHRISTMAS Dainties

Fancy Baskets Fine Fruits at \$1.00 to \$15.00 per basket.
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